

## REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 64 are pending, with Claims 1 and 39 being independent. Claims 20 through 38 and 60 through 62 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 39 through 56, 63, and 64 were allowed. Claims 2 through 19, 58, and 59 were objected to and indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, and Applicant has respectfully maintained those claims in dependent form as it is earnestly believed that the claims from which they depend will be found allowable. Claim 1 has been amended.

Claims 1 and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,678,080 (Miyamoto). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, inter alia, that a surface of the first transparent body which surface is adjacent to the interval and which surface faces on the second transparent body is a total-reflection surface.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that Miyamoto fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed claimed feature as recited, inter alia, in Claim 1.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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